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June 7, 2019

Dear Mr. John Page ,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at www.psc.sc.gov.

- Docket No. 2018-358-WS - Verified Application of Carolina Water Service, Incorporated for Approval of Annual Rate Adjustment Mechanisms and Petition for an Accounting Order to Defer Expenses

A Protestant is an individual objecting on the ground of private or public interest to the approval of an Application, Petition, Motion or other matters which the Commission may have under consideration. A Protestant may offer sworn testimony but cannot cross-examine witnesses offered by other parties.

According to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, filing a Protest does not make you a Party of Record. A Protestant desiring to become an Intervenor (i.e., a Party of Record) in a proceeding before the Commission may file a Petition for Intervention within the time prescribed by the Commission.

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If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,
Becky Latimer
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Date: *

**Letter of Protest
in Docket 2018-358- WS**

Protestant Information:

Name * John Page

Mailing Address *

City* Clover

State* SC

Zip * 29710

Phone

E-mail

1. What is your connection or interest in this case? * For example, are you a customer of the Company that is the subject of this pending proceeding? (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

I am a Customer of Blue Granite Water Company [customer ID: 9678522116]

2. Please give a concise statement of your protest. * (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

I am protesting the rate increase proposed by Blue Granite as well as the proposed ARA mechanism to allow them to annually increase our water bills as they deem fit. It has been brought to my attention that Blue Granite in my area already has the highest water fees in the surrounding areas. The rate increase proposed is \$1.63 per 1000 gal, which is a 21.5% rate increase over current rates. Blue Granite intends to ask for ANOTHER price increase next year as advised by our representative Wes Climer, Senator of District 15, York County

This is on top of water restrictions because the company has repeatedly approved new construction projects with a statement of ability to supply water, which they have repeatedly proved that they cannot.

3. Do you wish to make an appearance at a hearing in this proceeding , if scheduled, and offer sworn testimony? *

Unfortunately, I have a hectic schedule as a single parent so I am usually not able to attend these "Town Hall" meetings or hearings to have my voice heard. In the past, the notices of rate increases have stated that legal representation or an equivalent was required to speak at any of their proceedings and seemed to me like a bully tactic and a way to silence the majority.